

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Sergeant Lecil Nolan upon his receipt of the 29th annual Palmer Veteran's Appreciation Award.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Lecil Nolan, a United States Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War, was recently recognized as the recipient of the twenty-ninth annual Palmer Veteran's Appreciation Award; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Citizens Tri-County Bank, the Palmer Veteran's Appreciation Award is presented each year by Palmer town historian David Patton; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Nolan completed his basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in the summer of 1970, and served as an infantryman with the legendary 101st Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, he was stationed in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division from January to December 1971. His service as a soldier was defined by his valor and his unwavering dedication to getting the job done; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Sergeant Lecil Nolan received numerous military decorations for his service, including the Combat Infantryman Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the

Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Medal with Numeral 1, the Bronze Star, the Marksman (rifle) award, and the 1st Class Gunner (MGM – 60) award; and

WHEREAS, a 1969 graduate of Grundy County High School, Lecil Nolan is the son of the late Claude and Ruby Haynes Nolan; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Mr. Nolan and his wife, the former Martha Carol Creighton, are the proud parents of Christel Shrum, Kevin Nolan, and the late Jeremy Nolan; and

WHEREAS, now retired, Mr. Nolan was employed by the United States Postal Service for more than twenty-nine years, earning the respect and admiration of his co-workers and postal customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Lecil Nolan is a dedicated member of society who inspires those around him and commits himself to the improvement of his community, State, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Lecil Nolan performed his duties with honor, distinction, and a profound regard for the importance of his role as a member of the United States Army, and his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Sergeant Lecil Nolan upon his receipt of the Palmer Veteran's Appreciation Award, extend our deepest gratitude for his service to this country, and offer our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.